

Life's Journeys

Life is good

By Rebecca Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

“Life is good.”

Shirley McCoy, full blood Cheyenne, sits on her floral sofa at her home in Tryon, Okla. She sits back, closes her eyes and begins to speak of her memories and growing up in Watonga, Okla.

McCoy was born May 18, 1935 at her grandparent’s home in the country located in Watonga.

“My mother liked to tell the story of how it took the ambulance 20 minutes to arrive after I was born and took us to the Clinton Indian Hospital,” McCoy said.

McCoy’s parents are Ernest Sioux and Eva Seward Foster. She has four siblings, Orley Godwin, Jr. Tyrone Sioux, Nancy Sioux Foster, deceased and Tisha Ann, who died at age 7. She said her family are descendants of Chief Black Kettle.

“I loved going to my grandparent’s house. I remember working in the garden with my grandmother, Lying on the Side (Flacco), was her name. My grandfather was Bert Seward and he was a very spiritual man. He would gather us all around a fire in the evening and tell us stories about our people and how hard they had it back in their day,” McCoy said. “There are no words that can express the love I had for my grandparents. They helped raise me ... my grandmother taught me everything to know about canning vegetables and making dried meat.”

She said her and her grandmother would pick potatoes and put them down in the cellar placing gunnysacks over them.

“We always had fresh potatoes,” McCoy said. “My grandfather would have a cow butchered and my grandmother would slice the meat very thin ... it would be dried meat and I would take a stick and rub off all the bark and wrap the meat around it. We would have fresh meat all year round.”

She spoke about how life seemed much simpler when she was small.

“One summer my mother allowed me to live with my grandparents. My mother would say to



Shirley McCoy, 76, at her home in Tryon, Okla.

me, your grandparents spoil you. I think she said that because my grandfather gave me my very own horse,” McCoy laughed. “My grandfather would plow everyone’s land around town with his team of horses ... he would work all day for trade.”

She named her horse Trigger and would ride it to school. She said, “A lot of kids did until one day the school said we couldn’t any more.”

Pausing for a moment McCoy said another memory had come to her mind.

“Oh I remember canning those vegetables, all we had was a cast iron wood stove, I would stand over that thing and stir the boiling vegetables all day, even in the hot summer,” McCoy said as her eyes lit up with a smile. “My life was so good.”

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Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes hold annual Tribal Council meeting

By Rosemary Stephens  
Editor-in-Chief

The annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Council meeting was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. The annual meeting is to be held yearly on the first Saturday of October according to the Tribes’ constitution.

After reaching a 75-member quorum, Tribal Council Coordinator, Lisa Martin, called the meeting to order.

Ida Hoffman was nominated as chairperson by Janice Boswell and seconded by Bruce Whiteman. Hoffman won by affirmation (no other nominations).

Diane Willis was nominated as secretary by Janice Boswell and seconded by Bruce Whiteman. Willis won by affirmation (no other nominations).

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Jury finds foster mother guilty, no jail time

After two weeks of testimony a Logan County jury finds Amy Holder guilty of felony child abuse in the death of 2-year-old Naomi Whitecrow, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member.

At approximately midnight on Monday, Oct. 3, 2011 the jury presented their guilty verdict and read their recommendations for punishment ... a \$5,000 fine, no prison time.

A juror, wishing to remain anonymous, stated that some of the jurors wanted Holder to receive the 25-year prison sentence the prosecutors were asking for and some did not feel she was the only one at fault in the death of Naomi.

“We felt like we needed to make a statement that it was not just her,” the juror said. “Some wanted Holder to spend as many days in jail as Naomi spent in Holder’s home ... the deliberation got heated.”

Naomi and her little brother, Johnny, were first placed in the Department of Human Services (DHS) care in February 2008. They were both placed with a foster mother, Alicia Taylor, in Enid, Okla.

On July 23, 2008 both children were reunited with their birth mother, Kala Whitecrow, during a monitored trial reunification program within a drug and alcohol treatment

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Naomi Whitecrow in the summer of 2008.

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# Journalist to author

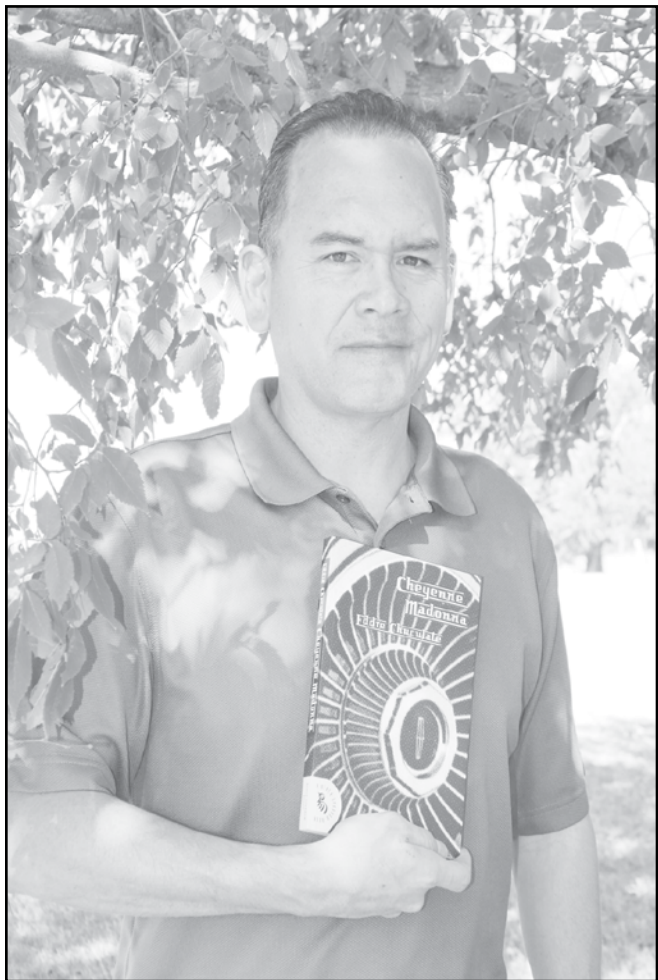


Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Eddie Chuculate holds up a copy his first published book, *Cheyenne Madonna*., a collection of short stories written over the span of 15 years.

Eddie Chuculate never set out to become an author however his new fiction, *Cheyenne Madonna*, is quickly on its way to becoming a best seller.

“The book came out last year, the official publication date was Sept. 10 so it’s been out for a little over a year now and has been reviewed in a lot of newspapers including the *Daily Oklahoma*,” Chuculate said. “I started writing it about 15 years ago and it isn’t like I just sat down and said I am going to write a book, I started jotting down short stories while I was attending the Institute of American Indian Arts (AIA) and it (the book) just evolved from there.”

Chuculate is Muscogee Creek and Cherokee who grew up in Muskogee, Okla. He wrote most of *Cheyenne Madonna* while working as an editor at various newspapers including those in Denver, Tulsa, Albuquerque and the Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

Chuculate holds a degree for creative writing from AIA. He won the Pen O. Henry award in 2007 for his short story, *Galveston Bay*, the first story to appear in his book.

“*Galveston Bay* takes place in 1826 and the gist of that story was told to me by a Cheyenne woman who described

the journey of her grandfather to the Gulf of Mexico. She said the story had been handed down orally through the generations and I took that story and fictionalized it for my book years later,” Chuculate said.

Below is an excerpt from Chuculate’s collection of short stories in *Cheyenne Madonna*, reprinted by permission of Black Sparrow Books, copyright 2010 by Eddie Chuculate.

*Under the Red Star of Mars*

Lisa Old Bull sat next to her boyfriend Derrick on the Ferris wheel with a hand on his knee contemplating how she was going to get rid of him once and for all. When it was their turn at

the very top Derrick drank again from his dang wineskin, the fake-leather wineskin he’d ripped off from Wal-Mart and couldn’t quit talking about, showing all his friends at the fair and squirting them drinks. They were his friends. She barely knew any of them. At the top it was windy and cool and Lisa could see the big buildings of downtown Oklahoma City lit up dull orange for a few seconds. On the way down the view was erased by the Cyclone roller coaster. It was swinging around a wide turn and all the people on it had their mouths open screaming and their arms in the air like they were praising something. The roller coaster roared around the turn, then grew silent. Lisa now heard the Ferris wheel’s own tinkly fairy-tale music, not unpleasant. She only wished she could enjoy it and she couldn’t, thinking about ditching Derrick and making it to the bus station by 11.

Derrick had worked her over again two nights ago. Of course there were no marks showing – that was his trick. She lifted her hand off his knee and rubbed the bruises under her sweater. Her arm was so tender she could barely lift her fork that morning. Derrick didn’t eat, had already started drinking, or, rather, picked up where he had left off last night

after passing out on the kitchen floor. He had sat around in a stupor listening to rap on their little cassette player over and over and over. Kept rewinding the same song. Never played the other side. He had the volume maxed out and the speakers rattled weakly all morning while she patted her bruises in the bathroom. With his bloodshot eyes half shut he banged on the glass table until all the silverware and salt and pepper shakers bounced onto the floor.

They were nearing the bottom of their ride and it was slowing down but just when Lisa thought it would stop it jerked and made a creaking noise and kept going again. Crap. Three midgets dressed up in Harley gear were in the cart above them, swinging their little legs. They all wore boots and leather caps and jackets and had their arms around each other. \*\*\*\* A! Lisa heard one shout. At least they were having a good time. Derrick was grinning like an idiot holding his wineskin in the air and wearing that dumb bandana he thought made him look like some kind of hard gangster. Instead he looked like Aunt Jemima. His friends on the ground were looking at them and pumping their fists like it was a big deal Derrick was riding on a Ferris wheel and drinking cheap whisky from a Wal-Mart wineskin that leaked all over him. Lisa lifted her arm, achingly, and put it around Derrick’s shoulders and squeezed him, then rubbed his knee again. She put his head on his shoulder. The key was to act like nothing was happening with this guy. Any guy who’d rob a bank was liable to do anything. Of course, he hadn’t shared that Fun Factoid with her until last week, after they’d already been together three months. She knew when he was lying and when he wasn’t and the semidrunken state he was in at the time was when the confessionals always began. She sincerely hoped he was lying but really didn’t want to know anymore about it if he wasn’t. And if he had done it he obviously didn’t have any of it left so what did it matter anyway? She had sworn she’d never get into anything like this again, but, damn, here she was.

Finally the ride ended but they had to wait as the baskets were lowered one by one so the riders could exit. Just their luck they were at the very top again. Derrick offered her a drink and she tipped it up but nothing came out until Derrick squeezed it with one big hand and a long squirt, tasteless at first, burned her throat. She would rather just puke all over him, feeling stupid up there with her mouth all wide open but he didn’t like it when she wouldn’t drink with him and she wanted no complications tonight. The container was nearly

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## Cheyenne and Arapaho CHR program

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Community Health (CHR) program’s goal is to provide services to the Cheyenne and Arapaho people within the Tribe’s service areas. The CHR program is a federally funded program and is required to follow contract guidelines. Due to this requirement, a CHR transportation policy has been put into place.

By following the transportation policy, the CHR program will be able to provide more services, which include home visits, patient care, case management, homemaker services and transportation.

All services are requested through the CHR office. CHR’s are then assigned their weekly schedules.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho CHR services areas have been divided into three areas. Area I includes El Reno, Concho, Calumet

and Kingfisher. The CHRs that provide services to these communities are Irene Deer, Collen Guererro and Donna Sandoval.

Area II includes Geary, Watonga, Canton, Longdale and Seiling. The CHRs that provide services to these communities are Sandra Pratt, Stephanie Brooks, Wendell Rednose and one vacant position.

Area III includes Weatherford, Thomas, Clinton, Colony, Custer City, Hammon and Elk City. The CHRs providing services to these communities are Juanita Trout, Joyce Bullcoming and Tisha Tallbear.

The CHR office has a van route that runs on Mondays and Fridays for Canton and Seiling area that travels to the Clinton Indian Health Center. The van arrives at Seiling at the flower shop at 8 a.m. and leaves at 8:15 a.m., continuing to Canton’s

post office at 8:45 a.m. and leaves at 9 a.m., arriving in Clinton at approximately 10 a.m.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays the van route travels from Hammon and Elk City areas and travels to Clinton Indian Health Center. The van arrives at Hammon City Hall at 8 a.m. and leaves at 8:15 a.m., continuing on to Elk City at the Homeland Store at 8:40 a.m. It leaves at 8:55 a.m. and arrives in Clinton at approximately 9:30 a.m.

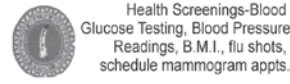
The CHR office staff is LaDonna Roman Nose, director, Monica Perry, administrative assistant, Aaron Denny, data entry clerk and the van operator, Eve Littlehead.

For more information call (405) 422-7670 or 422-7672 or toll free at (800) 687-0973. The fax number is (405) 422-8241.



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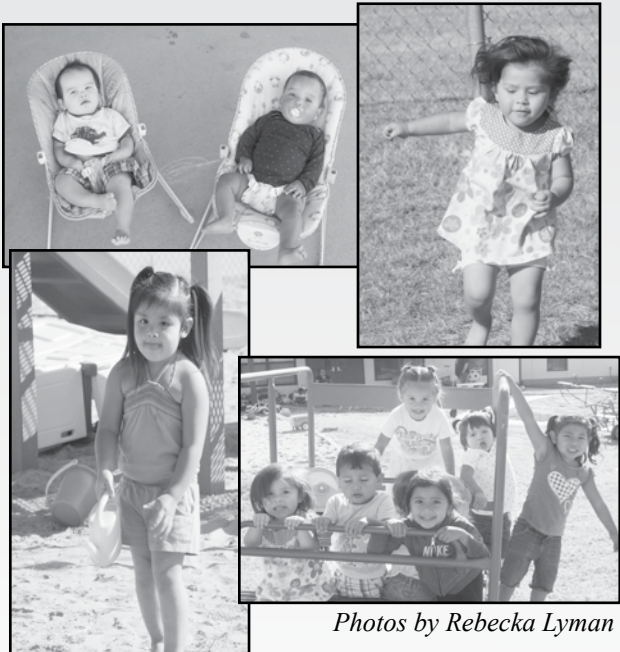
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Players; Bottom row l-r-Junior Muniz, Cade Houston, Malachi Nicholson, Josiah Reveles, Shane Godwin, Isreal Robles, William Elledge, Zane Wilson, Adrian Black, Middle row l-r-William Whitlow, Carmello Reveles, Gunner Alsept, Evan Romannose, Joshua Perkins, Nathan Lahey, Zachary Johnson, James Reveles, Angel Guzman, Zakary Billings, top row l-r- Hunter Mulanax, Isaih Lime-Garcia, Hunter Hervey, Phillip Hervey and Dion Kaulaity. Coaches(l-r)-Brandon Houston, Kurt Havener, Gana Nicholson and Scott Hunt

The El Reno Optimist 6 year old boy football team has a 5-0 winning streak.

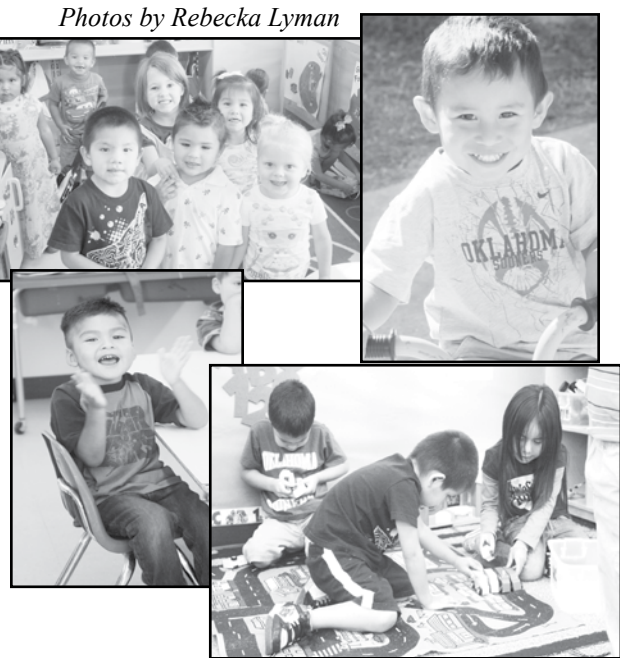
On Oct. 1, 2011 they won their game against the Mustang Bronco’s 6 year old boys team, final score 25 to 13. The roster is made up of a large number of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal children.



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Cheyenne and Arapaho, Concho Child Development Center is filled with bright colors and a welcoming environment for the children that attend the facility.

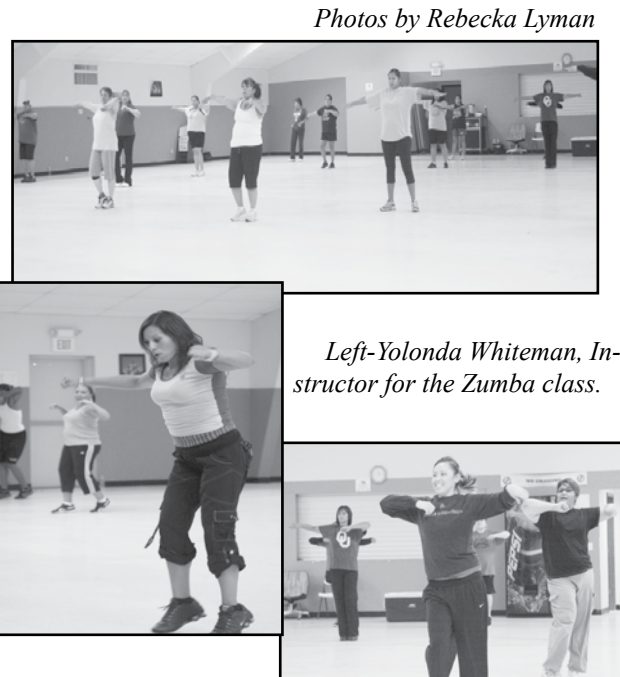
Breakfast, lunch and a snack are served each day and children can expect a fun day filled with activities such as crafts, coloring, singing and books.



The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Concho Headstart is buzzing with activity.

Many changes will take place throughout the school year. Involving parents as each child’s primary teacher provides the best learning opportunities

Teachers and students enjoy the opportunity to learn and grow.



Left-Yolonda Whiteman, Instructor for the Zumba class.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho, R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program are helping women get moving.

A new Zumba fitness class began on Oct. 4, 2011 and will be held from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through Nov. 17 in the Concho Community Center.

## Council meeting

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A motion to move agenda item # 7, Disaffirming and Disavowing Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman and Lindsay G. Robertson as Supreme Court Justices of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to agenda item #1 was made by Janice Boswell.

The motion passed to change the agenda order with a vote of 87 for, 15 against and 12 abstaining.

Resolution 1, Disaffirming and Disavowing Dennis W. Arrow, Kathleen R. Guzman and Lindsay G. Robertson as Supreme Court Justices of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes passed with a vote of 93 for, 23 against and 25 abstaining.

Resolution 2, Authorize the Governor to Renew Existing Public Law 93-638 Multi-Year (2012-2014) Contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Trial Court, Social Services, Higher Education,

Job Placement & Training and Johnson O’Malley Programs passed with a vote of 137 for, 1 against and 10 abstaining.

Resolution 3-Approve the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Procurement Policy Manual was tabled with a vote of 72 for, 0 against and 20 abstaining. It was requested that more research and information be available to Tribal members before taking a vote on this resolution.

Resolution 4, Authorization to Construct a Low Income Housing Tax Credit Project for Elderly Housing on the Concho Reserve passed with a vote of 124 for, 0 against and 4 abstaining.

Resolution 5, Authorizing the submission of the Fiscal Year 2011 Tribal Transit Program Grant Application to Federal Transit Administration passed with a vote of 123 for, 0 against and 5 abstaining.

Resolution 6, Approve the Federal

Transit Administration’s Requirement of a Tribal Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Policy of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes passed with a vote of 127 for, 1 against and 4 abstaining.

Resolution 7, Approve and Authorize the Governor to Sign the FY 2012 Indian Reservation Roads Program Agreement between the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs passed with a vote of 127 for, 0 against and 5 abstaining.

Resolution 8, Approve and Authorize the FY 2011 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act passed with a vote of 127 for, 0 against and 6 abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

## Low Income Housing Tax Credit program

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC); often pronounced “lie-tech”) is a tax credit in the United States created under the Tax Reform Act of 1986 that gives incentives for the utilization of private equity in the development of affordable housing aimed at low income Americans. The credits are also commonly called Section 42 credits in reference to the applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code. The tax credits are more attractive than tax deductions as they provide a dollar-for-dollar reduction in a taxpayer’s federal income tax, whereas a tax deduction only provides a reduction in taxable income. Since its inception, the LIHTC program has grown to a mature multi-billion dollar market. The LIHTC program provides funding for the development coats of low income housing by allowing a taxpayer (usually the partners of a partnership that owns the housing) to take a federal tax credit equal to a large percentage of the cost incurred for development of the low income units in a rental housing project.

To take advantage of LIHTCs, a developer will typically propose a project to a state, seek and win a competitive allocation of tax credits, complete the project, certify its cost and rent up the project to low income tenants.

Simultaneously, an investor will be found that will make a “capitol contribution” to the partnership or limited liability company that owns the project in exchange for being “allocated” the entity’s LIHTCs over a ten-year period.

The amount of the credit will be based on (i) the amount of credits awarded to the project in the competition, (ii) the actual cost of the project, (iii) the tax credit rate announced by the IRS, and (iv) the percentage of the project’s units that are rented to low income tenants. Failure to comply with the applicable rules, or a sale of the project or an ownership interest before the end of at least a 15-year period, can lead to recapture of credits previously taken, as well as the inability to take future credits.

Typically, investment in the LIHTC program is through a limited partnership structure. The investor will serve a the limited partner-with limited risk and the majority of the benefits-and the tribal developer will serve as the general partner with daily management of the housing project.

The program is administered at the state level with each state getting a fixed allocation of credits based on its population. The state housing agency has wide discretion in determining which projects to award credits, and applications are considered

under the state’s “Qualified Allocation Plan” (QAP). The credits are usually awarded to projects in a few allocation rounds held each year, on a competitive basis. Typically, the top ranked project will get credits, then the second, and so on until the credits are exhausted for the round.

States are also responsible for monitoring the on going development costs, quality and operation of approved projects, as well as the enforcement threat of notifying the IRS of “noncompliance” if the project deviates from the applicable requirements of the state. Such a notice can lead to recapture of previously taken credits and inability to claim credits from the project in the future. The IRS has published Form 8823 for the purpose of reporting possible problems with the project, and is a Guide to the Form 8823 details the IRS view on various issues related to noncompliance.

Travois, Inc. serves as the consultant and will ensure that the LIHTC rules and regulations are followed, all paper work is completed, and expectations are met.

An investor in a housing project financed through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program can currently expect to see an Internal Rate of Return (IRR) yield of 10% or more, after tax, annually.

By inverting in affordable housing, investors demonstrate their commitment to improving the lives of some of our country’s poorest citizens. With poverty rates well above the national average, American Indian communities face many obstacles-safe, decent and affordable housing shouldn’t be one of them.

Every housing project faces certain risks. But projects in urban or suburban communities have four primary risks: An operating deficit may occur if collected rents do not cover operating costs. The lender might have to foreclose on a project if rents do not cover debt payments (foreclosure forces an automatic recapture of the tax credits). A competing project will be developed nearby and potential tenants will be lured away. There may not be enough families with low incomes to be eligible.

For example, there are no property taxes on Indian reservations to burden a project. The debt these projects carry is mostly provided by the tribes themselves thus is no foreclosure risk. For every family that moves into a tax credit-financed housing unit on an Indian reservation, there are sometimes as many as 10 or more families waiting inline. Tribes control the housing environment. They will not approve or allow a competing project to siphon off eligible families, thus there is little or no risk from competition.

## 2011 Native Women and Youth in Ag Writing competition

Deadline Nov. 4, 2011 by 5 p.m. EST

The 2011 Native Women and Youth in Ag writing competition has been announced by sponsors, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) office of the secretary-Tribal relations and Intertribal Agriculture Council.

The essay topic is, *What Should Indian Agriculture look like in 25 Years from Now?*

All young Native American women and men who are in grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2011 are eligible. High School graduates from May-August 2011 are also eligible. Must be a member of a federally recognized tribe.

Three finalists will be announced the second week of November 2011 and will be provided an all-expense paid trip (including one chaperone) to the 2011 Intertribal Agriculture Council annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev. Dec. 5-9, 2011. Finalists will be awarded several other prizes presented at the awards luncheon and will serve as Ag Ambassadors for 2011-2012. Each finalist is required to read a short intro-

duction and their original essay at the awards luncheon.

Guidelines for essays, three to six pages in length, three to five sentences about yourself, typed, one inch margins, double-spaced, 12 point font with three to five sources.

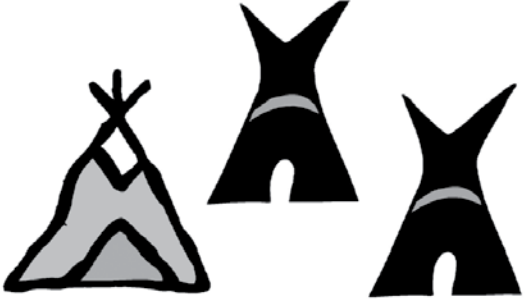
Judging criteria will include creativity, quality of sources, quality of grammar, spelling and punctuation, organization of information, length of entry, documentation of sources and appropriate information for the topic, solution driven (researched criteria).

All entries must be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the students’ name, address, telephone number, email (if available), school attending and Tribal affiliation.

Send essays to Native Women & Youth in Ag, c/o Vicki Hebb, Executive Director, P.O. Box 217, Cherry Creek, SD 57622 or email to Vicki.hebb@indianaglink.com, with NWYIA Essay Contest in the subject line.

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playwright, poet, author, entertainer and recording artist. He is also a storyteller of American Indian legends and Indian sign language. J.C. was the featured soloist on the American Indian flute with the Milwaukee Symphony and in 20 performances with the National Symphony Orchestra at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington.”

Other Indian elders honored for their contributions to their Tribes, community and state were, Dr. Richard Allen, Cherokee, John Edwin Anderson, Chickasaw and Choctaw, Leola Barnett, Kialegee, Leaford Bearskin, Wyandotte, Mary Birdtail, Absentee Shawnee, George Blanchard, Absentee Shawnee, Kerry C. Bread, Kiowa,

Nora Cheek, Thlopthlocco, Hank Childs “Xla Xanje” (Big Eagle), Otoe Mis-souria, Lena (Ellis) Pennock Clark, Sac and Fox, Judy Cobb, Modoc, Velma Coker, Seminole, Kenneth and Rita Coosewoon, Comanche, Barbara Kyser-Collier, Quapaw, Thomas W. Cooper, Chickasaw, Shirley Davilla, Wichita and Affiliated, Judy C. Davis, Miami, Maty Lou Davis, Caddo, John Daugh-tery Jr., Eastern Shawnee, Dr. Charla Dawes, Ottawa, Mary Deathrage, Citizen Pottawatomie, Thomas J. Dry, Choctaw, Jerry Haney, Seminole/Muscogee, Em-mett “Bud” Ellis, Peoria, Bill Glass Jr. Cherokee, Sequoyah Guess, United Keetoowah, Georgia Honey, Shawnee, Nadean Hilliard, Seneca Cayuga, Benedict Kawakla, Fort Sill Apache,

Curtis Kekahbah, Kaw, John Lee Kemble, Ponca, Gregg Klinekole Jr., Apache, Ron Parker, Chickasaw, Thelma Lucile “Chincie” Ross, Chickasaw, Victor Roubi-doux, Iowa, Greta Haney Ruminer, Seminole, Martha Spotted Bear, Osage, Kaw and Ponca Tribes, Gene E. Tsatoke, Kiowa, Lawrence Wahpepah/Kee-Ka-Kee-Tha-uh, Kickapoo, Betty War, Choctaw, Mary Wat-ers, Delaware Tribe, Rich-ard Ray Whitman, Muscogee Creek, Julian Q. Whorton, Kiowa, Rev. Donald Eugene “Gene” Wilson, Choctaw, Videll Yackeschi, Coman-che, and Winey Yargee, Ala-bama Quassarte.

Nominations are cur-rently being accepted for the AARP Oklahoma’s 2012 In-dian Elder Honors. For more information call Craig Davis

at (866) 295-7277 or e-mail cedavis@aarp.org. Nomina-tions may also be mailed to AARP Indian Elder Honors, 126 N. Bryant, Edmond, Okla. 73034.

All nominees must be an enrolled citizen of a federal-ly recognized tribe or nation, at least 50 years or older and living. They do not have to be an AARP member and the nomination process is open to individuals and Tribal governments.

The following informa-tion is needed with each nomination: complete name, address, telephone number and e-mail of the nominee; Tribal affiliation of the nom-inee; non-returnable pho-tograph of the nominee or attached photo in an e-mail and complete contact infor-mation for the person mak-ing the nomination.

# The reclamation of me

By Lynnesha

Editor’s Note: This story and the story appearing on page 8 are published in observance of Domestic Violence Aware-ness Month-October

## I was 16 when he stole from me.

He stole my virginity, my dignity, and myself-esteem. I want it back.

I met him on the internet. A new-ly-turned 16, I knew that my mom would not approve of me talking to boys that were over 18 in person, but online, as I thought, was dif-ferent. He said such sweet things. I met him offline two weeks later and he looked normal enough, with big, pink lips and a kind, welcoming smile.

We dated for three months before he told me he loved me as he took my innocence. I knew that I was in love. Just knew it. It felt so right; I was happy beyond measure, and even though my parents had a bad feeling about him, they didn’t know him as well as I did. I was the one that he loved.

Then he hit me. He punched me with closed fists in my face, my stomach and one day gave me a black eye. He told me I was ugly, stupid, fat and that he was the only one that was stupid enough to have any emotion towards me, so I became a bulimic “cutter”. After he hit me, he would kiss me on the forehead and apologize, and I would forgive him. Then he would bruise my face again.

I didn’t drive, so the three hour journey by public transportation came with confused stares; the other passengers watched me cry as tears and blood rolled down my cheeks.

I left him eight months later.

## I was 18 when he stole from me.

I met HIM through a mutual friend. While I didn’t think that he was very attractive, I thought that I should humor him and go out on a date. We had a great time, filled with laughter and jokes all night. Towards the end, I parked my car around the lake and we sat in the backseat to talk. He started to get closer and closer.

I told him no. I told him to stop. I told him to get off of me. He held

me down so strongly that I was afraid he’d break my arms. He told me to shut up as I screamed, and told me that I wanted it, when I didn’t. I was afraid that he’d hit me, so I stopped fighting back, and after he was done I took him home.

I remained friends with him until we lost touch.

## I was 19 when he stole from me.

My best friend had casual sex with this guy who was 35. She was only 18.

One day her partner in- vited us to his place in the city for drinks, and told me that he’d bring a guy for me. The guy that was there when we arrived was super unat- tractive, but told me that he worked full-time as a strip- per in a local club. We all sat around the television and drank, and right before I became unconscious, my best friend and her partner left me in the room with this guy I barely knew. As I started to black out, I can remember his hands touching me, him smiling, and my eyes shutting.

He took advantage of me re- peatedly while I was intoxicated. I awoke to a painful, swollen vagina and my clothing ripped apart. My breasts were red and had bite marks all around them.

When I told my best friend what happened, she laughed heartily and said “you shouldn’t have gotten that drunk!”

She remained my best friend for two more years.

## I am 21 and I want it back.

Every day they haunt me in some capacity, their memories clinging to my being like lint to a black sweater. They befouled my relationships, my sexual life and, most importantly, my self-esteem.

I’m angry because I want the girl I used to be back. The innocent, overly confident, happy girl that just wanted to love and be loved is gone,



Courtesy photo

and what’s left is her overly sensi- tive, self-conscious sister. I am out living a normal life now, free from the hurt and confusion that comes from being physically, mentally and emotionally abused. All the men that have abused me should pay, and I have already planned my revenge. I will live a full and complete life, finding love, getting married, and sharing my love with my children.

I will educate young women on the warning signs of domestic abuse. I will talk to those that can relate and help me through the pain that the three of them have put me through.

I will be a strong woman. The little girl that has been taken away from me will be avenged by preserving the little girl inside of this young woman.

I will regain my sanity, my dig- nity and me.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please call the Cheyenne and Arapaho Do- mestic Violence program at (405) 422-7692 for help today ... to change your life tomorrow.

# Powwows & Events CALENDAR

**Indian Community Church 2011 Revival**  
At 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011 at the In- dian Community Church, 3012 N. Brookline, Oklahoma City. Guest speaker Chance Rush with performances by Oklaho- ma’s Lil’ Mike, Funny Bone and Joe “New Child” Clay. For more information call (405) 203-5462.

**Lucky Star Casino presents Los Rieleros Del Norte**  
Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

**The fourth annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Veter- an’s Celebration and powwow**  
Oct. 15-16, 2011 at the Watonga Fairgrounds in Watonga, Okla. Begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15. Grand entry at 8 p.m. For more information contact David Ramos at (580) 654-2563.

**Cheyenne and Arapaho CHR Program Car Seat Checks**  
10 a.m. - noon, Oct. 26, 2011 at the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. gym in Clinton, Okla. For more information call (405) 422-7670.

**Women Cancer Awareness Health Fair**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Sponsored by the CHR program. For more information about the health fair or to be a participant call (405) 422-7670 or (405) 422-7672.

**Cheyenne and Arapaho Halloween Carnival**  
6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 at the Concho pow- wow grounds in Concho, Okla. and the Clinton R.E.Sp. E.C.T. building in Clinton, Okla. Inflatables, games, costume contest at 7:30 p.m., best decorated pumpkin contest at 8 p.m. For more information call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570.

**Snoop Dog in Concert**  
Oct. 26, 2011 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

**Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program Haunt the Zoo**  
6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2011 at the Oklahoma City Zoo. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal youth ages 10 and under. Trans- portation is not provided. First come, first serve, 200 tickets will be dispersed along with \$5 McDonald meal cards. Adult admission is free - no meal cards for adults. For more infor- mation call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570.

**Honoring Their Spirit**  
4-6 p.m. Oct. 28, 2011 at the Concho Community Cen- ter in Concho, Okla. Honoring victims of domestic violence. Share their stories and light a candle in their honor during Domestic Violence Awareness month. Please R.S.V.P. by Oct. 20, 2011 by calling (405) 422-7692 or 422-7639.

**The second annual Following the Trail-Native American Men and Boys Conference**  
Oct. 29, 2011 at the Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church, 17020 E. Tecumseh Rd., Norman, Okla. For more informa- tion contact Bryce Scott at (405) 912-0044 or visit www.fol- lowingthetrail.net.

**Bacone College Fall powwow**  
11 a.m. Oct. 29, 2011 at the Muskogee Civic Center, 425 Boston St., in Muskogee, Okla. For more information contact Kyle Taylor (918) 360-1085 or by email at taylorlk@bacone. edu.

**Native American Church of Oklahoma Fall Con- ference**  
10 a.m., Oct. 29, 2011 at the Canadian Valley Vo-Tech, 6505 E. U.S. Hwy. 66, El Reno, Okla. Please bring a potluck dish.

**Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program Zombie Walk**  
2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, 2011 at the north parking lot at the Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla. Water and fruit will be provided for participants. For more information call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27670.

**Buddy Bond Color Guard Benefit Dance**  
Nov. 5, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. Gourd dance at 7 p.m. For more infor- mation contact Alvin Sage at (405) 549-8949.

**Stone Temple Pilot Concert**  
Nov. 5, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

**The ninth annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabe- tes Wellness Program’s Elder’s Conference**  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Nov. 10, 2011 at the Concho Communnity Center in Concho, Okla. Health screenings, flu shots, infor- mational booths, door prizes and more. For more information call (405) 422-7723.

**The fifth annual OKCPS powwow**  
Nov. 19, 2011 at the John Marshall High School gym, 12201 N. Portland, Oklahoma City. Gourd dancing begins at 2 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. and Grand Entry at 7 p.m. For more information call (405) 587-0359.

**Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma**  
Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kansas invites alumni and friends to a one-day reunion  
**Nov. 5, 2011 at the Sac & Fox Tribal Community Center**  
**Stroud, Okla.**  
Golf Scramble – Contact Dan Little Axe at (405) 413-8443.  
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**Head Lady-Daisy Higgins**  
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**Honored Veterans-Moses Starr-U.S. Army**  
**Doty Lumpmouth-U.S. Army**  
  
**For more information contact Alvin Sage (405) 549-8949**



# Life is good

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Shirley McCoy during the 1970s.

She said she lived in Watonga until her grandmother died.

“I was in junior high, then I went off to go to Concho Indian School,” McCoy said. “My sister and I ... she was older than me so she stayed in a different area than I did. They were called the cabins. We had to get up early in the morning and I worked in the kitchen and helped make the bread daily for all of us kids to eat,” McCoy said. “Early in the morning I would have to walk to the bakery ... it was so dark and I was kind of scared. I had never been away from my mother before and I missed her so much. Don’t get me wrong I liked going to school, but my heart hurt so much for my mother I would cry myself to sleep. On the week-ends that my mom would come to get me, I was so happy to see her and did not want to have to go back to Concho.”

McCoy sat silently for a moment and smiled again saying, “Life is good.”

She shared about the day her mom asked

her if she wanted to come home.

“My mom asked me if I wanted to come home, I was so happy she asked me that ... I told her yes,” McCoy said. “I went home to help my mother take care of the family. I got a job washing dishes at Big Mama’s Café in Watonga and it was good times. I remember in the evening my mom and I would walk up to the Watonga Republican and sit in front of it and visit. Oh there were Indians all lined up sitting in front of that place, just talking, children playing and we enjoyed seeing one another.”

McCoy said she loved going to powwows.

“My mom taught me how to bead, she made me my very own buckskin dress and I got to help her. I loved to dance at the powwows. A powwow is where I met my first husband,”

McCoy said. “His name was Ed McCoy, we lived in Geary, but we were together a short time, maybe seven years. I had my first son with him, Ray McCoy then Ed started becoming mean and drinking a lot.”

McCoy said she had had enough of it and took herself and Ray to live at home with her mother.

“I got another job washing dishes and helping momma around the house and I would waitress and tend bar at nights,” McCoy said.

“One night I ran into Raleigh Wolfmill, we knew each other from school, so we began dating and moved in with each other. We were never married and I guess you call that common law marriage today. I had my second son with him, Max Sioux, hewas born with the last name Wolfmill, but Max wanted to change his last name when he was older. Raleigh, too, drank a

lot and started to hit me and after four or five years I left him and went back home to live with my mother,” McCoy said.

McCoy said after that relationship she was never serious with another man.

“All I wanted to do was raise my children,” McCoy said. “We moved to live in the city and I got a job with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Johnson O’Malley Program and life was good.”

McCoy said her mother had met a man that she fell in love with and they got married, “they bought this house and moved here to Tryon. We call this town, big town of Tryon.”

Speaking softly McCoy looks downward and said, “My mother has passed on to be with Maheo ... I miss her. I feel a lump in my throat when I sit here in my kitchen some days and remember what my grandfather used to say to me when I was a young girl ... pray and share your story. My grandfather would speak to me in Cheyenne, I can hear him now, just like it was yesterday ... life is good.”

Today McCoy resides in her mother’s home in Tryon, Okla.

“My mother left this home to me in her will, so I moved from Oklahoma City to live here in this very small community,” McCoy said.

McCoy pulled out her photo albums and began reminiscing from days gone by.

“This one is a photo of my twin grandbabies, one is white and the other is brown skinned. I remember when they were born I went to the hospital to see them. The nurse gave me their number so I went to the nursery to take a look at them. All I could see was one baby. I went up to my daughter-in-law’s room and told her there is only one baby.... then I told her there is a white baby lying next to him,” McCoy laughed and



Concho Boarding School in 1945.

said, “She told me yes that is them.”

With a smile upon her face she said, “Life is good.”

“My son helps me a lot here, he lives with me now and the Iowa people of Tryon have been very good to me since I moved here,” McCoy said. “I fell and busted my left knee one day in Wal-Mart and I am healing up, but I have to use this walker to help me get around. I tell the doctors I will be walking on my own without it one day. I can take about five to six steps without the walker now.”

McCoy said her son Max is a sergeant in the Oklahoma City Police Department.

“He is a very busy man. I really didn’t want him to become a policeman because I worry about his safety so much and sometimes I couldn’t sleep at night,” McCoy said. “I would have visions of him laying on the ground, but he doesn’t have to work the streets anymore and that makes me happy.”

She said she lives a quiet, simple and good life in the “big town of Tryon.”

“I really don’t get out much anymore only to go to the grocery store. The Iowa tribe brings me lunch everyday even though I am not on their roll and oh I am so grateful that they do,” McCoy said.

She said she misses her hometown, her old friends and knows raising her boys were her best years.

“Life is good.”

## Jury

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Amy Holder was found guilty of felony child abuse resulting in Naomi Whitecrow’s death on Oct. 3, 2011 in Guthrie, Okla.

Above: Holder (center) with her attorneys, Robert Gray-l and Scott Adams-r.

center. Approximately six weeks later on or around Sept. 10, 2008, Kala called DHS caseworker Michelle Humphrey telling her she (Kala) could not stay any longer and wanted to leave. According to Kala, Humphrey asked her to stay one more day in order to find a foster home for Naomi and Johnny.

DHS separated the children with Naomi arriving at Amy and Mike Holder’s home on Sept. 12, 2008. Naomi died four months later on Jan. 20, 2009.

Taylor, the children’s first foster mother and who testified during the trial, said she attempted to regain custody of both children, “I tried to call several times and kept asking for both the children to be returned to me, but I was told they were already being placed somewhere else ... Naomi was a thriving, healthy and happy child when she was with me.”

Following the release of an autopsy report from Indiana pathologist, Dean A. Hawley, which showed the cause of Naomi’s death as blunt force trauma to the head, abdomen and extremities, Holder was arrested for felony child abuse in January 2010, nearly one year after Naomi’s death.

Since the release of the verdict and the jury’s punishment recommendation, there has been an outpouring from concerned citizens, both Tribal and non-Tribal, who are outraged at the sentence given to Holder in this case.

A civil lawsuit for wrongful death is being pursued by the birth parents of Naomi against Amy and Mike Holder and the Department of Human Services.

Holder’s sentencing hearing will be held at 3 p.m., Nov. 7, 2011 at the Logan County Courthouse in Guthrie, Okla.

Editor’s Note: Since the release of the jury’s verdict and punishment recommendation of a \$5,000 fine, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have begun a letter campaign entitled Campaign Justice for Naomi Whitecrow. (See below).

This letter is addressed to the Honorable Judge Stephen Kistler requesting a stiffer punishment at the sentencing hearing Nov. 7, 2011. To help in this campaign visit [www.c-a-tribes.org](http://www.c-a-tribes.org) and download a copy of the letter; sign and mail to Judge Kistler at the address listed on the top of the letter. To date hundreds of letters have been downloaded, mailed and distributed across Oklahoma and the campaign has reached Texas, Arkansas, Kansas and California and Ohio.

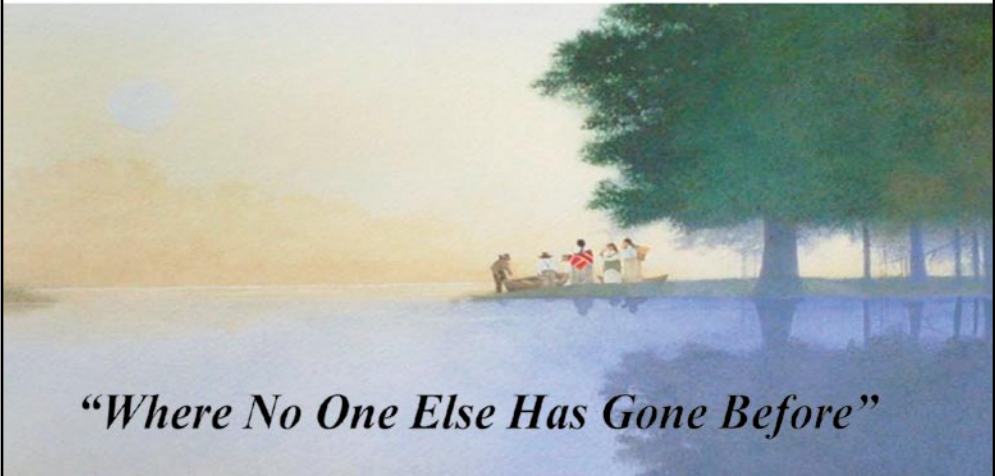
Dear Honorable Judge Kistler:

I am writing to request consideration of imposing prison time, up to the maximum allowed, to be imposed on Amy L. Holder for her conviction of felony child abuse resulting in the death of two-year-old Naomi Whitecrow.

Naomi does not get to go home and live out her life. She is gone. Naomi was a baby who was loved by many but did not get the chance to grow into a beautiful young lady. She was a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and as such was to be honored as a child of the Tribes, as is customary.

A sentence imposing incarceration on Amy L. Holder could serve as a deterrent to other child abusers who are or will be caring for innocent children. It could convey the message that when they undertake such a serious duty to care for an innocent child, the State of Oklahoma will hold them accountable, especially if a child in their care dies as a result of the abuse.

## Ninth Native American Symposium and Film Festival



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# A mother relives her daughter’s murder

Written by Yolanda Blue Horse,  
Mother of Jorden Saager

Due to hearing recently that a 2 year old child had died due to child abuse or better yet, was murdered, (yes let’s use the real term), it brought back memories of my own 2 year old child, who was also murdered.

I am the mother of a murdered child.

It amazes me sometimes how shocking that still is to say in my mind. I sometimes cannot believe that I had a child that was murdered. To most people, when I tell them that, it leaves them speechless, shocked, and most of the time, they do not know what to say.

Jorden’s 12 year anniversary of her death is coming up in January. Coming up are the holidays, memories of her last Christmas, memories of New Year’s Day, and memories of her last days here on Earth.

My name is Yolanda Blue Horse, I am an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux tribe. My daughter’s name was Jorden Saager; she died on Jan. 4, 2000. She was only 2 ½ years old. She died of blunt force trauma to the head and abdomen. I was asked to share her story. I can only hope by sharing my story, it brings people to better understand how broke our child protection services system is, but most importantly, how precious our children are. How precious your child is now at this moment.

My family moved to Gainesville, Texas in August 1999. My husband had just gotten out of the military after nine years of service and we moved in with a family member, but only temporarily until we got on our feet. We had both been in the military since high school and while I had gotten out years prior, living in the civilian world was still something we were going to have to get used to.

While living in Gainesville, my husband commuted to and from his new job in Plano, Texas while I stayed at home with our three children. At the time our oldest was about 5, our middle child 3, and Jorden was 2. Our children had become friends with the children next

door and not soon after I met the mother of those children. The mother and I became friends and later I employed her as our babysitter while I returned to the workforce.

On Jan. 4, 2000 I returned home from work in the mid afternoon but before picking up my children from next door, I had ran into my house to use the restroom first. That is when the phone rang and it was the Gainesville Hospital. They told me I needed to get the hospital right now. I remembering asking what was wrong but all they said was to get there immediately.

I remember bits and pieces of arriving at the hospital and of what all took place. I think shock took over and my mind has blocked a lot of the pain of that day. I do remember going to the window and telling them who I was and how they whisked me to the back. I remember some-

The doctor had asked to see our children and I believe at that time, we had explained to the staff that we had been taking Jorden to the doctor because she seemed to have been bruising easily. There were times that when I would go pick the children up, Jorden would have a bruise on her but the babysitter always would explain it away. We were certain, at that time, that the doctors that had treated Jorden had missed something or misdiagnosed her. The doctor seemed to be satisfied with his physical review of both our 5 and 3 year old and then we were asked to go to the Child Protection Services (CPS) office. Little did we know what was about to happen?

When we arrived at the CPS office we were informed that due to not knowing the cause of Jorden’s death, CPS was going to place our

eight grueling hours about your child’s death, being accused of killing or having knowledge of who killed your child is something I will never forgive the Gainesville detectives at that time for. It wasn’t until months later when I had finally gotten hold of CPS documents and read that two days after Jorden died, a detective had stated, “They have about 95 percent ruled out the babysitter.”

Apparently, they assumed they had the case solved. The parents or a parent had killed Jorden and everything that the babysitter had told them, was truth. We could not figure out why or how they could think it was us and were even more baffled when another mother contacted us.

Sometime during the interrogation, my father in law had hired an attorney and we were told not to talk to anyone anymore.

It was about a month later when we received a phone call one evening from a woman who right from the start warned us we might think she was crazy but to just listen to her story. She began to tell us how she had employed the same babysitter approximately two years prior and that the same woman had almost killed her daughter. That the babysitter was charged with injury to a child in Dallas County but the babysitter had been found not guilty.

We were shocked. I agreed to meet with the woman and slowly her and I began our own investigation. We found out that the babysitter had two previous children taken from her for child abuse and that her own mother had reported her to CPS. We found similarities in our daughter’s cases and began to find more documents describing this babysitter’s abuse towards children.

We then began to turn our anger towards the Gainesville Justice system. Needless to say, this did not please the woman who was the prosecutor at that time. I remember being told by our attorney that my trip one day to the FBI office in Sherman



Courtesy photo  
Jorden Saager shortly before her death in 2000.

really made her mad. At this point though, I was going to go to anyone or any entity that I thought would listen.

It wasn’t until after protesting the courthouse, going to the media, finally getting full custody of our children back in February 2001, suing the babysitter for Wrongful Death (which we won) and waiting for the prosecutor to make her next move, were we finally blessed

Gainesville had just had their elections and a new prosecutor was finally getting elected into office. This woman, was an angel sent from the heavens above. She moved on Jorden’s case immediately and with the help from another prosecutor from the Texas Attorney General’s office, our case finally made it into court. In December of 2003 an Indictment was handed down, and the babysitter was charged with capital murder. It wasn’t until May of 2005 that this monster was finally convicted and a life sentence was handed down to her.

In retrospect, did the system fail my daughter? Yes. I have a binder bulging full of Child Protection documents describing the babysitter previous history of abuse towards children. I have records of poor investigative

work by certain detectives, memories of dealings with an egotistic prosecutor and many unanswered questions still to this day. I will say this though, while the fight to get this woman behind bars took everything out of my family and I, we are rest assured that this woman, this monster, will never harm another child again.

I promised Jorden I would get justice for her, and justice finally did come on that day when the jury said one word, “Guilty”.

My only hope now is that the killer of Naomi Whitecrow gets to see the same walls as the murdering monster of my precious daughter does for the rest of their life. I firmly believe, that justice will come, one day, somehow to Naomi’s killer and I hope I am alive to see it or hear of it.

I will say this though, to all parents, hug and tell your children you love them. Losing a child is the worst unimaginable pain. Your child is your biggest blessing in life, all children are.

Yolanda Blue Horse with be one of the guest speakers during the ninth annual Native American Symposium, Nov. 2-4, 2011 at the Southeastern University in Durant, Okla.

*“I will say this though, to all parents, hug and tell your children you love them. Losing a child is the worst unimaginable pain. Your child is your biggest blessing in life, all children are.”*

—Yolanda Blue Horse

body telling me Jorden had passed away and I remember seeing the babysitter there crying. I remember asking her what happened, trying to figure out what was going on, but most importantly, I remember seeing my baby, my beautiful little girl, laying dead there in a room. *(I must pause here for a moment, the memories of seeing her dead body are flooding back and the tears come again...oh my God how I miss her. Even after 11 years, the pain never goes away.)*

At some point that afternoon my husband had arrived at the hospital with our 5 year old. Our 3 year old was already there with the babysitter. I remember our 3 year old wanting to go home and asking would I wake Jorden up so we could go. Oh thank God for the innocence of children ... how it shields them away from the hellish moments.

5 and 3 year old into Emergency Protection Custody. The caseworker told us that as soon as the autopsy was ready, we should be able to get our children back the next day. We had no idea that getting full custody of our children back was going to be almost a year later.

It was the next day that the Dallas Medical Examiner’s office declared Jorden’s death was a homicide. We were at the CPS office waiting to get our two children back with us when we got the news. The world just seemed to crumble even more at that time. Not only did we just lose a child, we lost custody of our two other children, and the child we lost, was murdered. How much worse could it get? Then we were asked to go down to the police station for questioning. Hell had just swallowed us whole.

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# Journalist

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empty. His eyes were getting that glazed-over look. Already he looked in a sour mood. This guy could go through enough moods in a day of drinking to satisfy a schizophrenic. That made his fifth “skin” (as he called it) today. Go to the fair with the gang, have a good time, ride some rides, have some fun. Pure wishful thinking. She was keeping track of his drinks, and hers, just like she had been keeping track of the money she’d been stashing away over the last few weeks. A little drinking money here, a little there, combined with money she’d saved from donating plasma downtown. Fifteen bucks on Wednesdays and 25 on Fridays. Derrick wouldn’t let her work – too scared she’d meet someone else or earn her own money. The last time she’d ran away from him he found her at a friend’s house and beat her and kicked her rump with his steel-toed boots.

It was their turn to exit. They fumbled with the aluminum bar and got it over their heads and stepped off. Derrick was wobbling a little but Lisa wanted to get him good and messed up. The midway was full of people. They had to shuffle along like it was a mini-Mardi Gras. He reached down and pinched her butt. She slapped his arm playfully. Watch it, she said. All part of the game. Pink cotton candies and balloons bobbed around them. One balloon was twisted up to look like an alligator. On the way to the beer

tent they passed Hammer Time. Oh God, she’d never forget that time at Truelove’s when he got out on the dance floor by himself and danced to “U Can’t Touch This.” Lisa smiled in spite of herself. Of course he was drunk off his rear and she didn’t have time to be embarrassed for him, she was laughing so. She laughed so hard her sides were sore in the morning and it hurt when she yawned. She and every skin in the house was laughing at the only negro in Oklahoma City who couldn’t outdance an Indian. It was something he’d never live down. Some in town still called him “Hammer.” Now, by her side like an obedient dog, Derrick was in his zoned-out state. You couldn’t really tell by looking at him, he looked OK to anyone else, could make decent conversation, but she knew he’d never remember any of this. She could lead him around like a cow if she wanted. She got him to pay for two for Hammer Time, which looked like a giant spinning two-headed hammer. Standing in line, he took a long drink from a pint bottle – no attempt to conceal. This one would be for the road, she thought to herself.

Cages formed two ends of the hammer. They climbed in, it swung slowly to the top, and another couple boarded below. Derrick’s head dipped quickly like he was nodding off but the music began – “U Can’t Touch This” – and they lurched down. It would

swing down to the bottom and rise back up nearly to the top again on its own momentum but near the top would hesitate and fall back down. Then someone cranked it up a notch. Derrick whooped. He was having a blast. They swung down, and up, and right when they were at the very tip where it was either swing back down or continue over the top, they continued over the top. Their heads were angled upside down to the floorboard. Imagine the second hand on a watch spinning wildly. Imagine the human boilermaker – vodka and overpriced foamy beer – next to you. They both screamed, it was wild.

When it ended, Derrick was sufficiently shaken and stirred. You could tell by looking at him that his world was still spinning. Lisa guided him to the beer tent with both arms locked around his elbow and sat him down and told him not to move, that she was going to the restroom and would be right back with a couple beers. He nodded dumbly, shook his head quickly to get his bearings and tried to stand, but sat.

Past Jo-Jo the Dog-Faced Boy, the Strongman/Sledgehammer Contest (“Step right up!”) the Bearded Lady, the 30-Foot Man-Eating Anaconda, the Fire-Eating Sword Swallower and the Ass-Kicking Booth (“Everyone’s a winner!”) Lisa headed out, besieged on all sides by an oddball mixture of music: “The Candy Man Can” for kiddy

rides, ’80s guitar rock and hoe-down fiddle from a red checkerboard tent with a chuck-wagon inside. A siren wailed from somewhere in the city. Just past the Three-Headed Donkey, the Hypnotist was making a man and woman paw at the ground facing each other like they were bulls. They had rubber horns on their heads and held sticks for forelegs. She was short and round and he was tall and skinny. The crowd in front of the Hypnotist was laughing hysterically and pointing. Lisa felt like she was shedding skin as she passed these booths. Past the BB Machine-Gun Target Range and Bumper Cars was the Basketball Shoot right near the end of the midway. Lisa felt lucky. She sank all three shots and won a stuffed toy moose. It was the only thing she held when the taxi dropped her off at the bus station. She saw the lights of the fair as the bus rocked down the turnpike with its snoring passengers. The Ferris wheel looked like a slow spinning drum, tilting red, white and blue. The bus continued to sway, like another ride she wondered if she’d ever get off of. She propped the moose against the window and slept.

Cheyenne Madonna can be ordered online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or by writing Black Sparrow Books, P.O. Box 450, Jaffrey, NH 03452.

## Greetings

My name is William Harrison and I am an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma.

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Confined Intertribal group here at Joseph Harp Correctional Facility in Lexington, Okla.

I am the newly appointed powwow committee chairman for our 23rd annual powwow and I am asking for any contribution items, such as shawls, blankets, serapes, Native art work of any kind and any other items we could use for our giveaways.

Our tentative date for the powwow is May 19, 2012 and we would like to let you know that any kind of support would truly be a blessing and would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or need a contact person here at the facility, you may contact our sponsor, Frank Morris.

We are a small but proud group of incarcerated Native Americans and we look forward to hearing from you. May ahos for your time and consideration in this matter.

William Harrison, powwow committee chairman

Contact information by mail, Confined Inter Tribal Group, c/o Frank Morris, Joseph Harp Correctional Center, P.O. Box 548, Lexington, Okla. 73051-0548, by email to [frank.morris@doc.state.ok.us](mailto:frank.morris@doc.state.ok.us), by phone at (405) 527-5593 ext. 3321 or by fax at (405) 527-4842.

On behalf of the Confined Inter-Tribal Group (CITG) of the Joseph Harp Correctional Center in Lexington, Okla., I extend a very warm a-ho to you for your generous support and donation toward our 22nd annual Gourd dance and powwow. I am happy to say that each of the events and our dinner were a tremendous success.

The CITG wants you to know that we keep each of you in our prayers and we are also well aware that without support of our outside friends and guests that this celebration, of who we are as a people would not be as wonderful as it was.

We are looking forward already to having our 23rd annual event and hope that you all will be a part of it again.

## Higher education applications deadline

The application deadline for submission of BIA-Higher Education applications is approaching on Nov. 1, 2011 for the Spring 2012 school term.

With the rising costs of tuition, more students are meeting deadlines. There is no longer an appeal process for late applicants. Applicants are encouraged to apply on time to ensure they will receive a scholarship.

Applications can be copied from the tribal Website at [www.c-a-tribes.org/highereducation](http://www.c-a-tribes.org/highereducation). There are five pages to be copied. Applicants need to send the one-page application, statement of privacy form and any documents by Nov. 1, 2011. Applicants may then send remaining documents in when they receive them.

Applications must be sent by U.S. mail to: Higher Education Program, P.O. Box 167, Concho, OK 73022. Please do not fax the applications or send as email attachments.

# I am a survivor

*Domestic Violence Awareness Month- Author wishes to remain anonymous.*

I saw the gun my husband was holding as he stood in the door way of our kitchen.

After years of being intimidated to stay in the abusive relationship, I thought to myself “not this time, gun or no gun.”

I defiantly turned my back to him and his gun, and walked toward the back door that was in the kitchen. Something in my head asked “where is the phone?” I looked up and saw the cordless phone in it’s cradle on the kitchen wall.

It was a millisecond later that I smelled gunpowder and heard a pop. I caught myself on the kitchen table with my right hand while my left hand was holding my side actually trying to realize that I had been shot. I sat down, I didn’t know what to do. It didn’t hurt, I could breath, but I could tell that something wasn’t right.

My husband come over to me and I looked up at him and said, “You shot me. Call 911.”

He was putting another bullet in the gun. I got up and reached for the phone. I dialed 91 but before I dialed the other 1 he took the phone away from me.

He repeatedly said, “Oh no you don’t.”

I didn’t wait to find out what was next so I turned to go to the bedroom to use that phone. As I started walking my legs felt weak, this unfathomable burn started in my chest and rib cage. When I got to the living

room I couldn’t go any further. I couldn’t breath. I couldn’t scream because I couldn’t get any air. I couldn’t move because it would burn and hurt worse so I fell to the floor.

I begged and pleaded for him to call 911. I apologized for whatever it was I did wrong. He said to me, “Oh no you are gonna die now.”

I crawled to the front door, reached up and opened it. I was laying half way in the house with my head on the front porch. I tried to scream for help, but it only came out as a whisper. Then I felt the door swing away from my legs.

He drug me back inside. He called 911. What a hero.

I spent eight days in the intensive care unit (ICU) and nine days on the regular floor of a hospital.

I had horrible nightmares in the hospital. I awoke one night hitting my arms against the hospital bed railings and screaming. I had had a dream that I was hitting the insides of my coffin. Since then, it is just the same old nightmares. Some nights are better than others.

I see these shirts and bumper stickers on cars that say “No Fear” and I laugh to myself. I wonder, do these people really know what fear is? At the same time I envy them for the ignorance. That used to be me.



## Puppy Chow Mix Cooking with USDA Foods

*Recipes furnished by the  
Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program*



*This absolutely delicious snack mix is one of my favorites. People gobble it up - well, like puppies gobble puppy chow!*

*Prep Time: 15 minutes*

*Cook Time: 3 minutes*

### Ingredients:

12 oz. box Corn & Rice cereal

1/2 cup butter

1 cup peanut butter

12 oz. pkg. semisweet chocolate chips

2-3 cups powdered sugar

½ cup chopped peanuts

### Preparation:

In medium microwave-safe bowl, combine butter, peanut butter and chocolate chips and microwave on high for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring once during cooking, until mixture is melted and smooth. Place the cereal in another large bowl and pour the melted mixture over the cereal. Stir until the cereal is thoroughly coated.

Pour the powdered sugar into a large plastic food bag. Pour the coated cereal into the powdered sugar and shake until it is well covered with the sugar. Pour the cereal onto wax paper to cool and dry. Store in tightly covered containers at room temperature.

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Oct. 26-30, 2011 at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, N.M. To

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# Happy Birthday



Happy 21st Birthday  
Baby Girl  
Angie Racelis  
One of Gods greatest blessings is his gift of special people-the ones who touch our days with kindness, fill our hearts with gratitude, and bring his love to life, you're a blessing to everyone who knows you, you have such a wonderful spirit, everyone can see it, the light from your heart shines so bright, it changes things, it puts smiles on faces, it puts love in hearts, it touches lives in a real and meaningful way. God Bless you on your birthday and everyday.  
Love Mom, dad, brothers Jason, Chris, Zak and familes

## The Dream that passed through

Last night, she told me she loved mandala and my arrowhead collection, so prominently displayed and I liked how she admired my turquoise bracelet and I liked how she let me unbraid her hair. She told me she loved my bed of animal furs, with the dream catcher dangling from the ceiling above and my arms- "a brave's arms" around her in the dark. This morning after she left with one of my feathers tied in her hair; a trophy I gave her for bravery in love. I stood by my open front door wishing her return. But she won't come back till its time to sleep, time to dream.

David Kaw

## Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Gray



Cecil Gray and Hauli Warrior promised to love, honor and cherish each other in front of friends and family on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 at the Florietta Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. A reception was held at the Holiday Inn Express. Following a honeymoon to Cozumel, the couple will reside in Edmond, Okla. Both Cecil and Hauli are employees of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes. On behalf of all their friends and family ... Congratulations

## Congratulations

Oct. 1, 2011  
Larry and Melissa Howlingbuffalo got married in a Cheyenne traditional wedding surrounded by close family and friends. The ceremony was performed by AD Tallbird and Held at he Cheyenne and Arapaho Independent Living Center in Clinton, Ok. The groom is Larry Howlingbuffalo a Cheyenne and Arapaho from Hammon, Ok and his bride is Melissa Hatch of Colorado. We Wish the newly weds a long and wonderful marriage and to walk beside each other in life. May Maheo bless you both!



Happy Birthday  
Jarvis Daukei Jr.  
I am so proud of your accomplishments, behavior and keeping your grades up.  
Love your big sis.  
\$Phat Girls\$

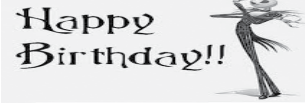


Happy Birthday  
Buvi!!!  
We love ya oodles n boodles!!!  
Cabe, Abbie and mom.



Happy Birthday pops!  
Doug Fraley  
Love you from us all  
Sun, Alfred, Morgan, Justin and grand kids.

Nakosi, All I can say is you're the best surprise life has given me.  
I've truly been blessed by finding you and I'll never let you go. Your hokte



Happy Belated Birthday  
Coli!!  
We love you soooooooo much!!!  
Your fam



Happy Birthday to my handsome son  
"Lonnie Lane KlineKole"  
Oct. 24  
Love you bunches, mom.

Happy 4th Birthday,  
on Nov. 3  
to our beautiful granddaughter  
Emo-ahane Youngbull  
We love you very much! Grandpa and Grandma



Flair Popetsaitke, 7, is a member of the Cheyenne-Kiowa Tribes of Oklahoma and moved to Crow Agency Montana last year. Flair is a fancy dancer and loves to dance. Flair visited Oklahoma this past summer and competed at various pow-wow's across Oklahoma. Flair placed at Tonkawa, Perkins, Wichita and Tribal Hub City Powwows. Flair went home in August and has competed and won in Ashland, MT, Billings and Helena. He attends the second grade at Crow and plays flag football. He is learning to ride horses and hopes to get a horse for his next birthday. Flair has four brothers and one sister. His father is Dennis Popetsaitke and his grandparents are Mary Beaver and Allen Sutton.



Happy Birthday to my beloved husband  
"Doug D. Fraley"  
Oct. 7  
Thank you for bringing me happiness and joy. Love you bunches, Robin Karty Fraley



Happy Birthday  
Ronnie Sleeper  
Sixty four and still a 49'er  
Hello to friends and relatives.  
From Omaha, NE  
"Go Sooners"

Happy Belated  
Birthday  
Toya and Tonya  
Koda, Sheena  
From mom and lil brother Chooch.



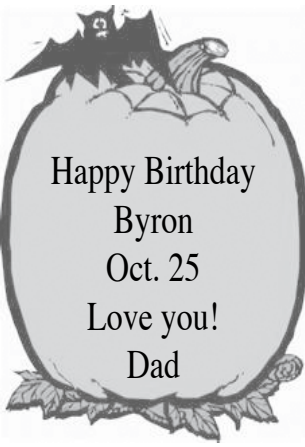
Happy Birthday!!  
Charles Dubree Black  
Oct. 7  
Herman Dewight Lamont Johnson "PeeWee"  
Oct.22  
Larry Black, Sr.  
Oct. 21  
Mary Whitehead  
Oct. 4  
Norma Black  
Oct. 30  
Cato and Allen Dean  
Red Hat  
Brian Sevenstars



Tears fill my eyes, I can barely see.  
My heart tells me she will always be with me.  
I am glad she feels no pain.  
Now she is lives in a perfect land.  
I can still feel the soft touch on my shoulder of her living hand.  
I lie in bed and cry at night.  
I don't feel any better in the morning light.  
I will love and miss her forever until the day we are again together.  
Together in a perfect place filled with caring, sharing and love.  
But until that day comes I will wipe my tears away and hopefully see again someday.  
With all my love,  
Shaynna Joyce



Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday  
Kynadee Sue Hamilton  
Oct. 23  
You are truly the best gift that a mother and father could ever ask for! You have been the center of our attention since the minute you were born. We thank God everyday for bringing you into this world and our lives. We enjoy watching you grow into a beautiful little girl, but you will always be our lil princess! May you be blessed with many many many more birthdays!!  
Love always, momma, daddy, bubba's and sissy.



Half-A-Nice-One  
Belated Birt-dae!  
Mya LaRose Black Oct.9

Happy Birt-dae!  
Miyomi Renay Black Oct.29  
Myrisha Sharmay Black Nov. 17  
Miyori Dee Johnson Oct. 16  
Pinhead Brown Oct.15



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**  
From the Deere Family  
Vivian TallBull RedBird  
Gearldine TallBull Morton



## Loving/Memory of Naomi

Dec. 9, 2006-  
Jan. 20, 2009  
My eyes filled up with tears as I heard the news...  
It never occurred to me how much I could loose.  
I find myself wishing it wasn't real.  
Every time I think about it pain is all I feel.

My letter is to try to understand why the court would let Amy L. Holder, a woman who was guilty of killing my cousin, Naomi Whitecrow, was let go on a fine of \$5,000. Why she should get to go home and spend time with her family while Naomi doesn't get to go home and live her life. I thought that bad people swere sent to prison to think about their crimes. That's what I'm taught in school that people who do bad things to other people especially a baby who couldn't defend herself were sent away. Do you thinnk that \$5,000 is worth a life. I think that no amount of money is worth a life. It can never be paid for. As I sat there and seen that she is guilty but let go I felt as if there was no justice but I ask that justice will be served.  
Respectfully,  
Cousin of Naomi.  
Glen Walker



# Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 167 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: [whaag@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:whaag@c-a-tribes.org)

**Teacher-Child Development On-Call-Clinton Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Teachers hired after July 1, 1995 are required to be at least 18 years of age. Have a high school diploma or GED certification. Or have completed the tenth grade and be in the process of obtaining a GED for a period not to exceed 12 months. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must pass a physical exam. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Must be physically fit to work daily with children. Must demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development. Must attend staff meetings as well as parent meetings when required. Must submit monthly reports. Must attend workshops. Must have adequate transportation. Must have skills to relate to the community in general. Must pass a criminal background check. Must pass mandatory drug and alcohol test. Willing to work flexible work schedule. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Special Projects Officer (2 POSITIONS) Executive Office, Concho Closing Date: Oct. 19, 2011**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Minimum of three years of administrative or technical work performing increasingly responsible and/or difficult assignments of a general management. Must be well organized, motivated and adaptable individual with strong analytical skills who can work flexibly on different projects for the Executive Director of Department of Administration. Strong research skills, ability to analyze quantitative and qualitative information. Experience of working in a project, performance improvement or policy development. Persuade and motivate others. Establish and maintain effective work relationships with those contacted in the performance of required duties. Must demonstrate a high degree of confidentiality. Must be able to work independently to complete projects as assigned. Must be willing and able to travel as necessary to complete assigned projects.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Driver/M meal Delivery, Elderly Nutrition, Vici, OK Closing Date: Oct. 19, 2011**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Under the direct supervision of the Elderly Nutrition Program Coordinator, primary responsibility is to deliver meals at the noon hour to the elderly in the Vici area. Valid Okla. driver's license. Clean driving record for insurance purpose. Willing to work other than normal working hours. Knowledge of the area and the people. Cheyenne-Arapaho Preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable



**Transit Drivers II On Call-3 Positions Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Must possess or be willing to attend training programs to gain CPR and CDL certifications. Must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and subject to random drug testing. Must maintain a clean driving record and may be required to provide a Motor Vehicle Report (MVR). Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. with no physical barriers. Must possess the ability to communicate effectively both orally and written. Must possess high school diploma, possible completion of a commercial driving training program and defensive driving program. Experience may be an acceptable equivalent.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Indian Child Welfare Caseworker, Concho, OK Closing Date: Oct. 24, 2011**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Prefer Bachelors Degree in Social Work or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Require one year of experience in professional related experience Knowledge and an understanding of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. Able to work flexible hours. Must have knowledge of crisis theory and interventions. Must have basic knowledge of early childhood education and child welfare casework, child abuse and neglect indicators. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and Non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Okla. driver's license. Must complete OKDHS Criminal History Review. Must complete Supplemental Application. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Tribal Youth Counselor (5 Positions) Education Building, Concho, OK Closing Date: Oct. 20, 2011**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Bachelor's Degree in Education, Social Work, or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience working with tribal youth, alcohol or drug prevention, substituting one year of experience in teaching for each year of the required education. Must possess a current Okla. driver's license and have a clean driving record. Pass an OSBI background check and drug test. Must be able to work flexible hours. Cheyenne-Arapaho Preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Teacher Aide Head Start-Clinton and Concho Closing Date: Continuous**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Ability to work effectively with low-income and special needs children. Ability to function effectively in cross-cultural situations. Ability to use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior, and work cooperatively as a member of a team. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL. Obtain and hold current food handler's card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Systems Support Technician, (1 Full-time Positions) Communications/IT Program Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Associate's degree in IS or a related field, or any equivalent combination of experience, education and training which provides the desired knowledge, skills, and abilities two years experience as an IT technician or related field. A+ or MCP desired. Must pass pre-hire drug screening.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Tribal Youth Project Manager Education Building, Concho, OK Closing Date: Oct. 20, 2011**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Bachelor's Degree in Education, Sociology, or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience working with tribal youth, alcohol/drug prevention, substituting two years of experience in teaching for each year of the required education. Pass an OSBI background check and drug screening. A current OK driver's license, this includes having a clean driving record. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Tribal Tribune DEADLINE for Nov. 1, 2011 issue will be Friday, Oct. 21, 2011 due to the 23rd falling on a weekend.**

**Teacher, Child Care Development (On-Call) Child Care Development Center, (Concho and Clinton Centers ) Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Be at least 18 years of age. Have a high school diploma or GED or have completed the tenth grade and be in the process of obtaining a GED for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months. Must have a valid Okla. driver's license. Must pass a physical exam. Must be able to lift 50lbs. Must be physically fit to work daily with children. Must demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development. Must attend staff meetings as well as parent meetings when required. Must submit monthly reports. Must attend workshops. Must have adequate transportation. Must have skills to relate to the community in general. Must pass a criminal background check. Must pass mandatory drug and alcohol test. Willing to work flexible work schedule. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

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**Office Clerk (On-Call) Willie Fletcher Fitness Center, Concho, OK Closing Date: Oct. 24, 2011**

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High school diploma / GED. Experience in working with budgets/spreadsheets. Knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho Culture a must. Must have reliable transportation. Cheyenne-Arapaho Preference.

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**Master Teacher Child Care Development Program, Clinton, OK Closing Date: Until filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Bachelor's degree in nutrition from an accredited institution. One to two years experience in diabetes education preferred. Must possess current registration through the Commission of Dietetic Registration and current licensure through the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Ability to work independently and ability to be reliable. Must possess a valid Oklahoma Drivers License and meet requirements for the use of a GSA vehicle. Familiar with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal culture. Must submit writing sample if successfully selected for an interview. Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Preference. Must be able to work flexible hours including but not limited to evenings and weekends. Must pass OSBI background check.

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**CHR Reps El Reno, Concho, Calumet, Kingfisher, Watonga area, Thomas, Weatherford, Clinton, Hammon/Elk City Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Have EMT, medical assistant, CMA or CNA experience. Have current CPR certification. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license and be insurable under the tribes' insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and be in good physical condition with proof of TB skin test and other immunizations. Must pass basic CHR and first responder training within one year. Travel required in duties. Must pass OSBI background check. Must have minimum of high school diploma or GED certification. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must be able to work outside of normal working hours as needed. Must be able to utilize computer and email system. Must be able to work under stressful conditions. Must follow Tribal policies and procedures. Must be dependable with regular attendance. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Dietitian-RD/LD Wellness Center, Concho, OK Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Bachelor's degree in nutrition from an accredited institution. One to two years experience in diabetes education preferred. Must possess current registration through the Commission of Dietetic Registration and current licensure through the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Ability to work independently and ability to be reliable. Must possess a valid Oklahoma Drivers License and meet requirements for the use of a GSA vehicle. Familiar with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal culture. Must submit writing sample if successfully selected for an interview. Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Preference. Must be able to work flexible hours including but not limited to evenings and weekends. Must pass OSBI Background Check.

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)  
KYRA MARIE RED HAT HAMILTON )  
DOB: 06/21/05 ) Case No: PG-2011-0022  
KYLE REESE RED HAT HAMILTON )  
DOB: 06/21/05 )  
A Minor Child )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: AMY LYNN RED HAT

You are hereby notified that Edward Red Hat II has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the person and/or estate of Kyra and Kyle Red Hat Hamilton, minor children, and that on October 3, 2011, the petitioner, Edward Red Hat II was granted guardianship of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtrooms of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 24th day of **NOVEMBER, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2011.

*Marla C. Reyes*  
Marla C. Reyes, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:  
Edward Red Hat II  
510 S. Weigle  
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In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of: )  
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PRECIOUS HAWKINS )  
DOB: 07/23/04 ) Case No: PG-2011-0023  
SAMUEL HAWKINS )  
DOB: 07/22/05 )  
CORA RED HAT )  
DOB: 07/28/11 )  
A Minor Child )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: CLARISSA RED HAT HAWKINS, DANIEL HAWKINS  
VICTOR MARTINEZ

You are hereby notified that Penny Johnson has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the person and/or estate of Precious & Samuel Hawkins and Cora Red Hat, minor children, and that on October 3, 2011, the petitioner, Penny Johnson was granted guardianship of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtrooms of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 24th day of **NOVEMBER, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2011.

*Marla C. Reyes*  
Marla C. Reyes, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:  
Penny Johnson  
P.O. Box 682  
Canton, OK 73724

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In The Matter Of Guardianship Of: )  
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MCKINLEY DEANN SAGE ) Case No: CYE-2011-0067  
DOB: 06/27/2002 )  
DONNA LEE SAGE )  
DOB: 12/29/2003 )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: DAVID ELLIS SAGE

You are hereby notified that Anna Kaye Rowledge has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the children, McKinley Deann Sage and Donna Lee Sage, minor children, and that on September 27, 2011, the petitioner, Anna Kaye Rowledge was granted Temporary Custody of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtrooms of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 12th day of **October, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Permanent Custody should not be granted.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2011.

*Edrina Whitman*  
Edrina Whitman, Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:  
Anna Kaye Rowledge  
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# Tribute to Native American Veterans

Native American Veterans have been serving in the military every since George Washington asked for their help in fighting the British. Through physical, mental, spiritual strength, honor, devotion and wisdom, these Veterans followed their great traditions as brave warriors through the battles of World War I, II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq/Afghanistan and other conflicts.

Upon return to their homelands, many faced limited opportunities. Most Native Americans living on reservations are the most impoverished in this country and yet they still answer the call of duty.

The fourth annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans celebration and powwow is dedicated to these Native American Veterans and to the USS Army Indian Scouts. The powwow will take place on Saturday, Oct. 15-16, 2011 at the Watonga Fairgrounds in Watonga, Okla.

USS Army Scouts were formed after the American Civil on July 28, 1866 by an act of Congress. The U.S., began recruiting and enlisting Native Americans as Indian Scouts in the U.S. Army. There were several types of Scouts, those who were enlisted as Indian Scouts for brief terms and those who were hired by the U.S. Army. Many of these men were of extreme courage, never received the public recognition and lifelong opportunities commemorating their acts of valor. The major died in poor surroundings and often without military hon-

ors and pensions.

These Scouts defended the country to protect all Americans way of life. Some of them were Bad Finger, Bald Eagle, Bear Bull, Big Head, Big Knee, Big Nose, Black Hills, Black Wolf, Blind Man, Brave Bear, Alfred Brown, Oscar Bull Bear, Young Bull Bear, Mary Bull Bear, Chief Bird, Chief Redbird, Creeping Bear, Crooked Nose, Cut Hair, Dish, Flacko Hawk, Heap of Crows, Hecha Roman Nose, Henry Howling Crane, Iron Shirt, Little Horse, Orange Little Beaver, Little Cup, Little Hand, Little Elk, Little Man, Little Raven, Little Rock, Long Neck, Man Riding on a Cloud, Night Killer, John Otterby, Porcupine, Red Teeth, Riggs, Standing is Cloud, Frank StandingElk, Sweet Water, White Bear, Wooly Bob Yellow Bull and Chunky Fingernail.

In their memory and in the tradition of honoring the “bravest of the brave”, these soldiers are included in the salute to the country’s Veterans. Remember these “Not forgotten elite group of Warriors, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian Scouts.”

The powwow Grand Entry is at 7 p.m. There will be no specials after Grand Entry and give-aways are optional.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans powwow committee appreciates the honor to show our respect and appreciation to our Veterans.

For more information contact David Ramos at (580) 654-2563.

Submitted article



### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cheyenne & Arapaho Veterans Powwow Celebration

**October 15, 16 2011**  
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## Fourth annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans celebration and powwow

Curtis James Levi

Curtis James Levi was born Nov. 6, 1942 in Concho, Okla. to George and Lillian (Whitebird) Levi. He passed away on Nov. 10, 2009 in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma and was also of Kiowa tribal descent. Curtis grew up at the Levi home place, just north of Geary, Okla., where he learned to fish, hunt, farm and play many different sports along with his brothers and sisters.

Curtis was a member of the United States Army, was a member of the 605<sup>th</sup> Transport Company and served in Vietnam. He was an expert rifleman and received the Vietnam Service Medal.

After he served in the Army, he came home to help his father on their farm and also helped start the Cheyenne and Arapaho Farm and Ranch program.

Curtis was a heavy equipment operator for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Anadarko, Okla. and worked many years for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes as a heavy equipment operator.

He was very proud to have served in the Army and was a member of the El Reno American Legion Post #34 and the El Reno VFW Post #382. Each year he would work with the VFW to place flags on the Veterans graves at our tribal cemeteries.

Curtis followed in the footsteps as his father, George “Little Skee” Levi and his uncle John “Big Skee” Levi, as a multi-talented athlete.

He was very proud of both of them and always told stories he knew of them.

Curtis was an avid fast-pitch softball player and developed many long lasting friendships with families throughout Oklahoma. He also played football,

golf, loved to take his grand kids fishing and was an avid sports fan.

Many of you may know that one of his most recent loves were horses. He helped begin the Cheyenne and Arapaho Mustang project and had a dream of reviving that project to “give our kids something to do and something to be proud of.”

He was also very proud of all his grand kids and loved them all very much. He was always taking pictures and was very proud to share them with anyone who stopped by to visit.

Curtis lived in Concho for many years and always looked forward to powwows. Every year he would always go down to the pow-wow grounds to mark out a spot for our family to camp.

Sometimes he would just sit outside the house and listen to the sounds of the powwow.

He also helped build the original softball fields at Concho, organized the golf activities during Summerfest and would help with anything he could in the early days of the Summerfest activities.

Curtis was a good husband, caring father and “the best grandpa anyone could ever have.”

We would like to thank the Veteran’s powwow committee for asking our family to fly his flag; it is a great honor for us. We know our father would be very proud.

Carolyn Fletcher



Carolyn Fletcher is the daughter of Helene and the late Joseph Fletcher. She is Cheyenne, Arapaho and Kiowa. Fletcher is a descendent of Kiowa Chief Sittingbear.

Carolyn served in the U.S. Army from 1996 to 2000. She was a combat medic for the 115<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion in the 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Division. She was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Operation Joint Forge began in 1998 and Carolyn was deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina from August 1998 to March 1999.

She served four years in the Army and returned to Clinton, Okla.

Carolyn has recently graduated with a Master’s Degree in Business Administration and currently works at the Clinton Indian Health Center. She has a 3-year-old son, Kendrick.

Carolyn would like to thank the powwow committee for this honor and is proud to be a part of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Veteran’s 2011 powwow.

Alyssa Marie Bish



Alyssa Marie Bish, 16, of Anadarko, Okla. has served as the 2010-2011 Junior Princess for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Veteran’s powwow. Her Arapaho name is hiinoo’us (Wandering Women).

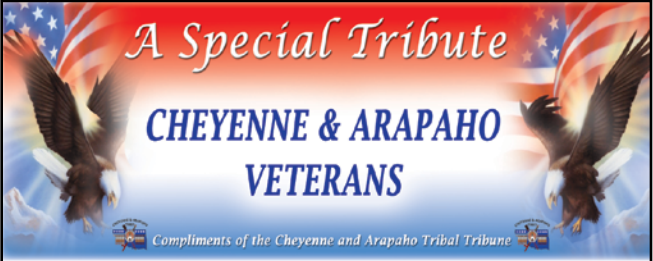
She is the daughter of JR Bish and Shaneeka Mayo. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Belle Bish and Phillis Mayo, all of Anadarko, Okla.

Alyssa is the great-granddaughter of the late Keg and Mary Nowlin

of Colony, Okla., the late George and Twila Bish of Anadarko, Okla. and the late Jerry and Virginia of Anadarko, Okla.

Alyssa is a descendant of Lumpmouth and Singing Bear of Geary, Okla. and Wassana and Crow Women of Colony, Okla. She has one sister, Tayla.

Alyssa is a junior at Anadarko High School where she is active in FCCLA, the Indian club, and the Spanish Club.



**A Special Tribute**

**CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO VETERANS**

Compliments of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune

**The 2011 Veterans Tribute will be published in the Nov. 1, 2011 issue of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune.**

**We currently have 106 Veterans photos/ Names from previous years.**

**If you know of a Veteran that has not previously submitted his/her photo for our annual Veteran’s Tribute please do so prior to Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011 by 3 p.m.**

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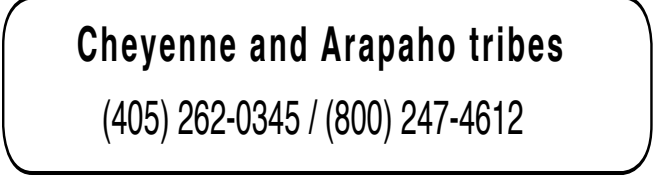
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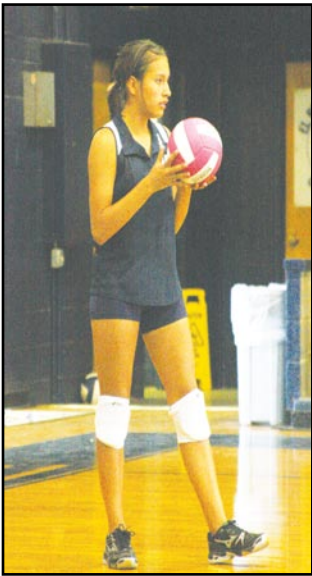


Photos by Rebecka Lyman

Ninth grade student, Cara Romannose, plans to attend college to pursue a career in law or medicine.

Cara Romannose,14, is a freshman who plays setter on the El Reno Jr. Varsity volleyball team. She is the daughter of Melvin Romannose and Karen Christianson. Romannose participates in a variety of sports. “I play softball all year round, soccer, basketball and cross country,” Romannose said.

During the summer she volunteers at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. “I work at the day care with all different ages of children,” she said. Romannose enjoys going to football games and would like to play La Crosse. She said she does not like chocolate and there is one thing she would like to change at her school ... the



lunch menu. Romannose said she has 3.9 GPA and has won the perfect attendance award at her school. The person she admires the most is her father. “He is always telling me to do my best and he is involved with everything I do, he his always there for me,” Romannose said. She said she plans on staying away from the party life. “I don’t think doing drugs and alcohol is a good thing,” she said. After high school Roman-nose plans to go to college and become a lawyer or a surgeon.

By Dr. Henrietta Mann, President  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College

CATC





Courtesy photo

Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Boswell presents a check to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College. From l-r: Dr. Lessley Price, Randy Beutler, Dr. Henrietta Mann, Gov. Janice Boswell, Ida Hoffman and Gail Wilcox.

As the seasons continue to evolve, we are approaching that time generally referred to as “Indian Summer.” The fall semester of the 2011-12 academic year is well underway and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College (CATC) is offering 11 classes, which range from Cheyenne and Arapaho languages courses to Budget Operations and a seminar on Indian issues. CATC has great news to report at this time. On Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice PrairieChief Boswell and Chief of Staff Ida Hoffman presented to CATC a check for \$200 thousand making a total fiscal year allocation of \$225 thousand. Consequently, CATC can continue to keep its doors open for a while longer. As the president of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College, I wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Governor, Tax Commission executive director and commissioners for acting on behalf of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and its people. Course submission deadlines for the next academic year 2012-13 are due. Higher education institutions require a year advance notice to plan the next year or further. Such planning is in keeping with Cheyenne and Arapaho thinking and acting. The older generations were great planners and organizers, who understood the necessity of setting short and long-range goals. As but one example, immediately preceding their annual ceremonies, the Chiefs met in council and as part of their deliberations decided what had to happen to assure success of their ceremonials. Taking a longer view they considered their eventual disbursal into bands, where they were going to be over the winter months, and the location they could anticipate gather at for the following year. In addition, they always have been, what might be characterized, as children-centered. Their concern has always been to build a good life for their children and to teach them to become the culture bearers of the coming generations. They were serious about creating strong identities for their children and firm about educating them for the future. In more contemporary times, Cheyenne and Arapaho children have been given to the Euro-American school system to educate and the tribes have had their cultural and historical responsibilities diminished. However, there are some effective programs that span the ages, beginning with tribal head start programs, others that cut across all grade levels in public schools all the way up to the tribal college. It is also noteworthy to mention the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have a department of education as part of their tribal government that is available for students to assistant them with their education questions and needs.

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